



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Taxation

April 16, 2012

Dear Interested Party:

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Taxation, I would like to invite you or an alternate representative of your organization to participate in a working group studying the methodology for determining gross receipts subject to the local severance taxes and other issues related to the imposition of local severance taxes.

House Bill 1233 and Senate Bill 658 (Chapters 665 and 722) require the Tax Commissioner to convene the working group consisting of representatives of those localities that levy a severance tax and representatives of those coal, oil, and gas companies that are subject to the tax. The working group has been asked to identify any changes to current law, regulation, or policy that it considers desirable and to submit its report and recommendations to the chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Finance by December 1, 2012.

I would like to hold the first meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Southwest Virginia Community College Community Center. Please find enclosed a tentative work plan for the study. If you would like more information about working group, please contact Andrea Muse directly at (804) 371-2336 or at andrea.muse@tax.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig M. Burns'.

Craig M. Burns
Tax Commissioner

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